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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON OPPORTUNITIES
FOR U.S. CITIZENS TO ENGAGE IN CUSTOMS BROKERAGE, AND
OCEAN AND FREIGHT FORWARDING IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

REF: STATE A-5980; STATE 258268

1. DEFINITION OF ACTIVITIES OF CUSTOMS AGENT OR BROKER
CONTAINED COSTA RICAN COMMERCIAL CODE INCLUDES BOTH CUSTOMS
BROKERAGE AND FREIGHT FORWARDING. ARTICLE 376 OF CODE
REQUIRES PERSONS AND FIRMS ENGAGED THESE ACTIVITIES BE
LICENSED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE
(ART. 379) INCLUDE, FOR INDIVIDUALS, DOMICILED IN COUTA
RICA, FIVE YEARS RESIDENCE, GOOD CONDUCT, LEGAL CAPACITY,
AND KNOWLEDGE OF CUSTOMS AND TAX LAWS. CODE SPECIFICALLY
APPLIES SAME REQUIREMENTS TO COSTA RICAN NATIONALS AND
FOREIGNERS. COMPANIES LICENSED PERFORM THESE ACTIVITIES
MUST BE ORGANIZED ACCORDING LOCAL LAW AND DOMICILED IN
COSTA RICA.

2. NO U.S. INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS PER SE DIRECTLY ENGAGED
IN CUSTOMS BROKERAGE OR INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT FORWARDING
HERE. CO-ORDINATED CARIBBEAN TRANSPORT (CCT) AND
SEALAND USE LOCAL AGENTS FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN
COSTA RICA.

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